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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Statement by the President

1. **The President** said that the Council's focus in 2013 would be on the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, elaboration of the development agenda beyond 2015, strengthening of the Council, and establishment of a coherent agenda for sustainable development. The 2013 annual ministerial review, on the theme "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals", would allow the Council to strengthen the science-policy interface, build on the concept of integration and demonstrate its ability to address the three dimensions of sustainable development.

2. The thematic debate would provide the forum for discussions on the Council's role in shaping the development agenda beyond 2015, while the preparatory activities for the Development Cooperation Forum would kick-start the debate on the future of development cooperation in a changing development landscape. The Council would work to make its meetings with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development more meaningful; facilitate the follow-up to the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development; and improve its coordination with the General Assembly, the Peacebuilding Commission and the Security Council.

3. The Council had all the tools necessary to improve its work without seeking additional or new mandates, including the ability to expand its partnerships with other stakeholders and to convene ad hoc meetings to address emerging issues, such as the joint special meeting it would be holding with the Second Committee on 14 February 2013, on the topic "Food security and nutrition: scaling up the global presence". The youth forum to be held in March 2013 would also help to engage young people in the work of the United Nations in general and the Council in particular.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (*continued*) (E/2013/1 and E/2013/2)

4. The President drew attention to the provisional agenda for the organizational session of the Council for 2013 (E/2013/2) and the proposed basic programme of work for the Council for 2013 and 2014 (E/2013/1). The Bureau had reached agreement with regard to its division of responsibilities for the 2013 substantive session. He himself would conduct the high-level segment and the conclusion of the work of the 2013 substantive session; Mr. Masood Khan (Pakistan), Vice-President, would conduct the coordination segment; Mr. Hoxha (Albania), Vice President, would conduct the operational activities segment; Mr. Osman (Sudan), Vice President, would conduct the humanitarian affairs segment; and Mr. Sajdik (Austria), Vice-President, would conduct the general segment.

The meeting was suspended at 10.30 a.m. and resumed at 11.10 a.m.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (*continued*)

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

5. **The President** invited the Council to take action on the two outstanding vacancies on the Committee for the United Nations Population Award, for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2015. He had been advised that the United Republic of Tanzania had presented its candidature for one of the two outstanding vacancies for the African States; while Qatar had presented its candidature for one of the two outstanding vacancies for the Asia-Pacific States. Since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Council wished to elect the candidates proposed by acclamation.

6. *It was so decided.*

7. *Qatar and the United Republic of Tanzania were elected members of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2015.*

8. **The President** said that, in the absence of other candidates, he took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election to the Committee for the United Nations Population Award of one member from the African States and one member from the Asia-Pacific States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2015.

9. *It was so decided.*

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

10. **The President** invited the Council to take action on the two outstanding vacancies of the Council on the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission, in accordance with Council resolution 2012/37. In accordance with Council resolution 2008/38, the two members to be elected would serve their two-year term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2015.

11. He had been advised that the Dominican Republic and Ethiopia had been endorsed by the Latin American and Caribbean States and the African States, respectively, to fill the remaining seats of the Council on the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission. Since the number of candidates from the regional groups was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect the Dominican Republic and Ethiopia by acclamation to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission for a two-year term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2015.

12. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 11.20 a.m.